# Remarriage Petition

- **Petitions should be submitted to the Bishop's Office via this link - Remarriage Petition – found in Clergy pages on the diocese's website at least 45 days from the date of the proposed marriage**. (Please retain the original documents in case the bishop requests to review them during the approval process.)
- **A petition must be filed for any person for whom a previous marriage was dissolved by civil authority. A petition must also be filed if the petitioner is no longer married due to the death of the spouse.**
- **When each person to the proposed marriage is divorced or widowed, a separate and complete petition must be filed for each person.**
- **Copies of the final divorce decree or death certificate must be attached to the petition.**
- **For a second marriage, the bishop requires a waiting period of one year from the date of the final decree.**
- **In the case of three (or more) divorces, the bishop recommends The Blessing of a Civil Marriage in the context of a regular Sunday worship.**
- **The date and place of the proposed marriage may not be publicly announced until the bishop's consent has been received**.

Petitioner's legal name: _____

Petitioner intends to marry (legal name): _____

Date of previous marriage: _____/Age at time of marriage: _____

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Date(s) of final divorce decree(s): _____/_____/_____

Date(s) of spouse's death, if applicable: _____/_____

Grounds for last divorce: _____

Since the divorce or death of the spouse has the petitioner sought professional counseling or pastoral care?
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Are there children of the previous marriage under the age of 18? (Please give names and ages.)

_____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____

Please describe the arrangements for custody and the financial support of the children for which the petitioner is responsible. _____

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*Petitioner's Last Name _____

To the best of your knowledge, is the petitioner faithful to all continuing obligations for the children of the previous marriage? _____

Has the petitioner been baptized? _____ Date of baptism? _____

Is the petitioner a communicant in good standing in your congregation? _____ Is the person the petitioner intends to marry a communicant in good standing in your congregation? _____

Has the person the petitioner intends to marry been baptized? _____/ Date of baptism? _____

Proposed date of marriage _____

Any additional information: _____

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I hereby request permission to solemnize this marriage.

Officiating Priest (please print): _____

(Signature): _____/Date _____

Parish and City (please print): _____

*Location of wedding, if different from the parish and city: (please print):

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Consent is hereby given to the officiating priest to solemnize this marriage.

Signature _____ Date_____

The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright
Bishop of Atlanta